

August 9, 2020

Nineteenth - Sunday in Ordinary Time



Important

Dear Parishioners,

St. John the Baptist Church resumes for public worship to Public Weekdays and Weekend Masses.

* **Saturday 4PM**

* **Sundays 6AM/ 8AM/ 10AM/ 12:30PM**

(Spanish).

Weekend Mass requires a reservation;

***You can visit**

<http://saintjohnthebaptistkalihi.eventbrite.com>

and register.

Daily Masses will begin Tuesday, June 2 with the following schedule (No reservations required; attendance will be filled as "First-come, First-served")



Register for Mass

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship spirituality invites us to surrender control of our lives to God in grateful recognition of the simple truth that all we have is a gift from Him.

While today's readings remind us that God is always in control of His creation and His creatures, the readings also illustrate what amazing things can happen when we fully permit God to take charge of our lives when we embrace the stewardship way of life.

In our First Reading, from the First Book of Kings, Elijah the prophet is instructed to go outside and wait for the Lord. Elijah goes out and a series of spectacular phenomena occur — strong and heavy winds that crush rocks, followed by an earthquake, and then a fire. Yet, the Lord was not found in any of those. Rather, the Almighty was found in a "tiny whispering sound." How unexpected!

We must always remember that our wonderfully mysterious God sometimes comes into our lives in the most unexpected ways. Do we stay alert and sensitive to His presence to receive the instruction and the countless gifts He is always sending us? It is all too easy to fail to recognize His presence and gifts in our lives. Taking things for granted — friends, family, material gifts, even God Himself — seems to be part of our human condition.

Paul points this out in our Second Reading, from his letter to the Romans. He laments that some of his fellow Israelites — God's chosen people who have received so many gifts from God, including the law, the promises, and the patriarchs — fail to see the gift of Christ now offered to them. This happens to us modern-day disciples, too. We have received all the riches of Church teaching and the Scriptures, and the overwhelming treasury of graces in the sacraments, including the gift of Christ Himself in the Eucharist. Our family, our friends, our work, our parish — all these things are gifts from God, as well.

When we take our eyes off God, we fail to see that all is a gift from Him, we lose trust in Him, and we do not live out our lives as a grateful response to Him.

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, we learn that Peter makes this very mistake. Just after the multiplication of the loaves and fish, Jesus sends the disciples in a boat ahead of Him to the other side of the shore. Later that evening, Jesus casually strolls up to the boat, walking on the sea. Peter says, "Lord if it is you, command me to come to you on the water," and Jesus responds, "Come." As Peter begins to walk on the water, he momentarily takes his eyes off Jesus to notice the strong wind surrounding them. With that, he sinks.

But what if Peter had not taken his eyes off Christ? What if he had not allowed that moment of doubt, that lack of trust to overcome him? What a grand adventure he could have had out there walking on the sea with Jesus! When we take our eyes off Christ, the many blessings He has given us, and the loving way He treats us, we sink, too.

When we embrace the stewardship way of life and let go of the tight hold over our money, time and talents, our lives become a grand adventure, rooted firmly and gratefully in the God Who always cares for us.

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Stewardship Collection

Total Weekly Collection - 07/31 to 08/06 \$4,066.11

Other Offerings (Mass Offering, Funerals, Marriages, Donations) \$1,376.11

TOTAL OFFERINGS \$5,442.22

Weekly Offering needed for Operations ** \$6,743.00

*Unplanned expenses in our budget for This Year \$46,699.00
(Increase) Parish Assessment and Property & Liability Insurance

Collection not retained by the Parish \$40.00

Our Stewardship Prayer

Generous and Loving Creator, you have called us to Malama i ka Makana (Cherish the Gift). As disciples of your Son, we ask that your Spirit open our minds and hearts to appreciate your countless blessings more deeply. Increase your transforming spirit within us, to nurture our call to stewardship as a way of life marked always by faith-filled prayer, service to others and generous giving. With the kokua of St. Marianne and St. Damien, teach us to be good stewards so we may return a hundred-fold the makana entrusted to us. We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

PARISH MINISTRIES

Building & Maintenance	Baptism Preparation
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)	
Marriage Preparation	Eucharistic Ministers
Lectors	Altar Server
Altar Cleaners	Ushers/Hospitality
Social/Outreach	Neo-Catechumenal Way
Divine Mercy	Music Ministries
Knights of Columbus	Youth Ministry
	Gimong ti Novena
Ethnic Ministries (Hispanic, Samoan, Ilocano, Chuukese)	

Other Masses, Adorations & Devotions

- * First Friday @ 7:45am-9:00am –Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- * First Friday @ 6:00pm- Ilocano Mass
- * First Saturday @ 8:00am- Holy Rosary - Dominican Lay Associates
- *First Sunday @ 5:00pm- Chuukese Mass

Rev. Diego Restrepo Serna
Parish Administrator
Deacon Peter Soumwei
Deacon Ricardo Burgos
Bertha Guerrero
Secretary & Business Manager
Renier Torres
Pastoral Council Chair
Ping Blas
Finance Council Chair
Danielle Burgos
Religious Education Director

September 4, 2020 at 7:45am right after the 7:15am mass, there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

MASS INTENTIONS

Rest of the Souls of;

- (+)Dean and Pio Enrico
- (+)Leonora Ramos Morales

Death Anniversaries

- (+) Calixto Duldulao
- (+) Lida Perez

Blessings for;

- Philomena. Leota

Wedding Anniversary;

- Manuel & Linda Bumanglag

Thanksgiving from ;

- Leota Family

08/10 to 15/2020

For the Rest of the Souls of:

(+)Leonora Ramos Morales